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REMARKS

Claims 52-55, 86-91, 96-98, 103-114 and 129-138 have been amended by this paper, and Claims 51, 95, and 99-102 have been indicated as being allowable. Nonelected claims 15-20, 26-31, 37, 40-50, 56-85, 92-94 and 115-128 have been cancelled without prejudice. Thus, Claims 51-55, 86-91, 95-114 and 129-138 are presented for further examination.

The specific changes to the amended claims are shown on the previous pages in a section entitled AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS. On this set of pages, the insertions are underlined while the ~~deletions are marked in strikethrough text~~.

In an Office Action mailed June 26, 2003, Claims 52-55, 86-91, 96-98, 103-114 and 129-138 were objected to because their respective preambles did not state "an analyzer disk assembly as set forth in claim ...". The Examiner indicated that the preamble for all of the claims should be the same. Accordingly, Applicant has amended the indicated claims so that their preamble includes language as proposed by the Examiner.

Claim 52 was also objected to as "missing words in the second line". Applicant has amended Claim 52 to refer to the "analyzer disk" defined in Claim 51. Applicant believes that this amendment overcomes the Examiner's objection to Claim 52.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 52-55, 86-91, 96-98, 103-114 and 129-138, as amended herein, are now in allowable form. Furthermore, the Examiner has indicated that "[C]laims 51-55, 86-91, 95-114 and 129-138 remain allowable over the art of record as set forth in the previous Office Action". Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 51-55, 86-91, 95-114 and 129-138, as amended herein, are now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner also stated that "[A]s all claims are now allowable, Applicant is required to cancel the remaining non-elected claims." In response to this requirement, Applicant has cancelled the non-elected claims without prejudice to their inclusion in a subsequent continuing application. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance, and such prompt allowance of the same is specifically requested.

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CONCLUSION

The Applicant has endeavored to address all of the concerns of the Examiner in view of the recent Office Action directed to the above-identified application. Accordingly, amendments to the claims, the reasons therefor and arguments in support of the patentability of the pending claims are presented above.

Any claim amendments which are not specifically discussed in the above remarks are not made for patentability purposes, and it is believed that the claims would satisfy the statutory requirements for patentability without the entry of such amendments. Rather, these amendments have only been made to increase claim readability, to improve grammar, and to reduce the time and effort required of those in the art to clearly understand the scope of the claim language.

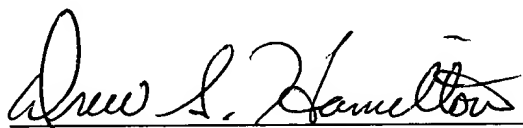
In light of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections is specifically requested. If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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